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From: Emelyne Pettey
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Subject: Downed cows - 98P-0151/CP1

Message:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to respectfully request that you grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prevent the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to become human food. Evidence exists that some downed animals may be afflicted with "Mad Cow Disease." Also, the downed animal trade treats sick and injured animals in a completely inhumane manner - typically pushing them with tractors or dragging them with chains. These cruel practices cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to torn ligaments and broken bones.

Since the downed animal trade is detrimental to the well being of both humans and animals, I urge you to pass this petition. The meat industry would suffer no undue hardship, as downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered. Experts from the industry have also estimated that 90% of cases of downed animals can be prevented with proper care and handling.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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